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Title: EXHAUST GAS PURIFYING FILTER WITH REINFORCED PERIPHERAL AREA  
AND METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING THE SAMECommissioner for Patents  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Kindly preliminarily amend the above-referenced application as follows: